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1. Probable terms of Anglo-Egyptian treaty--US Military Attache Cairo reports that Egypt probably will accede to the British desire that the projected Anglo-Egyptian treaty should provide for (a) measures by Egypt and the UK "to repel aggression and reestablish peace" if such aggression threatens Egypt and the "immediate Middle East countries" and (b) exchange of views and adoption of measures to meet any threat of war against Egypt or neighboring countries. The period for evacuation of British troops will probably be set by compromise at two and a half years. The MA notes that plans for the increase of the Egyptian Army still are "nebulous."
2. British negotiations for Latin American air agreements--US Embassy London has been told by British Air Ministry officials that the Anglo-Argentine air agreement (see Daily Summary of 14 August, item 5) has been approved by Parliament, and cannot be modified or "withdrawn." The officials added, however, that "for the time being" the UK would not make any further Latin American air agreements except on terms of the US-UK Bermuda agreement, and, if it proves impossible to obtain these terms for the pending agreement with Brazil, the UK will discuss the matter with the US before adopting another basis.

## EUROPE-AFRICA

3. USSR: Unrest in Odessa--Assistant US Naval Attache Odessa reports that militia recently have shot several war orphans for pilfering UNRRA cargo. In one case an attempt was made by port workers and others to mob the guard responsible for the shooting.
4. ALBANIA: Bid for US recognition and UN membership--Premier Hoxha has informed US Political Representative Jacobs that Albania is now prepared to accept the continued validity of virtually all the multilateral treaties to which the US and Albania are parties. Hoxha added that, "after US recognition of Albania and the arrival of a US Minister," Albania will consider making certain "corrections" in existing bilateral treaties between the two countries. (Albania's failure to affirm the validity of existing US-Albanian agreements has been the chief obstacle to US diplomatic recognition and support for Albania's admission to the UN.)

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Jacobs believes that Hoxha's statement on multilateral treaties is designed merely to facilitate Albania's application to UN, and points out that Hoxha's position on bilateral treaties remains substantially unchanged.

5. GREECE: Plebiscite probably not to be postponed--US Military Attache Athens reports that Premier Tsaldaris has rejected an appeal by Greek moderate republican parties for the postponement of the plebiscite. The MA comments that the chances for holding the plebiscite on the scheduled date remain "good."

#### FAR EAST

6. INDIA: League unlikely to join interim government--US Mission New Delhi reports that the Viceroy still is trying to bring the Moslem League into the interim government, but that informed observers believe that the interim government will be formed without the League. The Viceroy's staff is uncertain whether the League's leaders favored the riots, or whether riots resulted primarily from incompetent Bengal administration.
7. N.E.I.: Sjahrir reports Soekarno very ill--Sjahrir has told US Consul General Foote that Soekarno is "very ill." Sjahrir himself is again Prime Minister of the Indonesian "Republic" and expects to leave the next move in negotiations to the Dutch.

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